

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A catheter insertion sheath is disclosed. The sheath includes a tubular sheath having a proximal end, a distal end, and a hollow passage extending between the proximal end and the distal end. A handle portion is disposed at the proximal end of the tubular sheath. A clamp extends from the handle portion for releasably closing the sheath. The clamp is movable between an open position and a closed position, wherein, when the clamp is in the open position, fluid may flow through the hollow passage between the proximal end and the distal end and when the clamp is in the closed position, fluid flow is restricted through the hollow passage between the proximal end and the distal end.